

Biofuel Grants Available From Energy Division
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The Idaho Energy Division is accepting grant proposals from fuel retailers to install or upgrade biofuels infrastructure projects in Idaho.

Grants covering up to 50 percent of projects ranging from \$1,000 to \$100,000 per application will be awarded to install new fueling infrastructure or upgrade existing fueling infrastructure that is documented as being incompatible with biofuel, including cleaning existing storage tanks.

The grants are the result of legislation passed earlier this year enabling Idaho retail fuel dealers to invest in qualified fueling infrastructure projects dedicated to providing biofuels to their customers.

Biofuel means ethanol and biodiesel-blended fuels. Qualifying systems must provide biofuel blend at or above 10 percent ethanol (E-10) and 5 percent biodiesel (B5).

“We hope to award up to 50 projects during the first year, with additional grants through 2012,” says Bob Hoppie, Energy Division administrator. “We want to make biofuels readily available to businesses and citizens of Idaho. The use of these fuels will help reduce our dependence on foreign oil, help energy security and help rural economy producing local biofuels.”

Grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until the funds are depleted. All work must be completed within 180 days following award notification. Successful grantees must provide biofuels to their customers continuously for five year from the date the project is put into service.

Grant applications are available online at www.energy.idaho.gov or by calling the Idaho Energy Hotline, 1-800-334-SAVE. For additional information, call John Crockett, with the Energy Division, at 208-287-4894.